Benson, the American Chief of Naval Operations, said to him : " Don't let the British pull the wool over your eyes. It is none of our business *Benson's* pulling their chestnuts out of the fire. We *Anglophobia* would as soon fight the British as the Germans ! " Benson had a double dose of Anglophobia and it afflicted him and embarrassed us right through the War. But Sims himself did not share Benson's disease. Fortunately for both countries, he was not only a warm friend of this country, but he was a man of judgment and tact, and he got on extremely well with our sailors and statesmen. It is not too much to say that he won the confidence and affection of all with whom he came in contact. His advice was always timely and practical and as such highly valued.

On 10th April, the day after Sims arrived at Liverpool, another step towards naval co-operation with the States was taken, when an *International* International Naval Conference took place *Conference* at Hampton Roads, attended by the • British and French Admirals of the Allied Fleets in the Atlantic. It was followed next day by a further conference at the Navy Department at Washington, and was a pronounced success. Every phase of the naval situation was discussed, and decisions were reached by which the United States Navy would take over the patrolling of the American Atlantic coast from Canada to South

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waters, and protect the Pacific coast from
Canada
to
Columbia; would hold squadrons in
readiness
to
operate against any surface raiders ;
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once
send six destroyers to assist the anti-
submarine
campaign on the European side of the
Atlantic
;
would detail armed naval transports to
carry needed